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Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kamide et al. (4,904,161). Claim 12 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 13. Claims 14-19 and 21-22 depend from claim 12 and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 12. Accordingly, allowance of claims 12, 14-19 and 21-22 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

It is submitted that claims 12 and 14-22 define patentable subject matter. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

Examiner is authorized to charge all fees due in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 14-0780. The Examiner is encouraged to phone the attorney listed below if the Examiner believes a phone conference would accelerate prosecution of the application. In view of the above remarks, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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